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				3. NABARD'S promotional programme in the cluster launched in 13th May, 2003. 4. The local entrepreneurs in the cluster have been sensitized of the latest designs and market prferences by a leading fashion designer for the progress of the cluster. 5. HSVN has appointed a block maker and trained in block manufacturing and repairing. 6. Exhibition of cluster products organized by Swashakti Mahila Udyog through NABARD's grant assistance.
3.	NABARD	Blacksmithy	Kundam & Sehora blocks in Jabalpur District.	1. Diagnostic Study of the cluster conducted. 2. Centre for Entrepreneurship Development, Madhya Pradesh (CEDMAP) selected as the nodal agency to implement the programme. 3. The programme is scheduled to be launched in December 2003.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, question does not arise.

Cottage industries in Assam

199. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare any scheme for the promotion of the cottage industries in the rural areas of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds allocated by Government for the promotion of cottage industries during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) and (b) The Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is already implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) for the promotion of agro and rural industries, including cottage industries throughout the country including Assam. Under this scheme

for Assam, the KVIC provides margin money assistance at the rate of 30% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for the project above Rs. 10 lakhs and upto 25 lakhs, rate of margin money is 30% of Rs. 10 lakh plus 10% on remaining cost of the project. Under this scheme, the beneficiary's contribution is 5% of the project cost for the State of Assam. The Scheme is implemented through Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks, State Cooperative Banks, etc. As on 31.3.2003, 984 projects have been financed generating 15071 job opportunities in the State of Assam. During the year 2002-03, 559 number of projects have been financed in Assam generating 7003 number of jobs.

Besides this cluster development programmes for pottery and handmade paper have been taken up under a United Nation Development Programme (UNDP) project for technology upgradation.

(c) An amount of Rs. 375.68 lakhs and Rs. 1092.18 lakhs have been allocated by the KVIC to Assam State for payment of Margin Money to the REGP beneficiaries during 2002-03 and 2003-04, respectively. Besides providing margin money for establishment of village industries units under REGP, the KVIC extended financial assistance for exhibitions, publicity and training. During 2002-03, Rs. 19.01 lakhs, Rs. 6.45 lakhs and Rs. 11.29 lakhs were spent on marketing, publicity and training, respectively. For the year 2003-04, Rs. 40.70 lakhs, Rs. 28.60 lakhs and Rs. 35.63 lakhs have been allocated by the KVIC for marketing, publicity and training, respectively.

Nuclear power generating capacity

200. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to attain 4500 MW nuclear power generating capacity with Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors in the next four years and another 2320 MW would be added with Light Water Reactors taking the total to 6800 MW; and

(b) what is the target plan of Government during the Tenth Five Year Plan period and how far it would help the country to attain self-sufficiency in power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The present nuclear power capacity of about 2500 MWe [12 Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) in the country is planned to be increased to about